

**In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2009**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Randy Schlecht, Barbara Chastain,
Angela Nwokike, Kim Risser, Caroline
Von Flue, Roy Reynolds, Nelma
Fennimore, Patricia Dotson-Moss,
Mary Gillion, Roy Reynolds, GG
Crawley, John Anaya

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Sheila Brown, Noriene Mangold

IHSS PA & DAAS ADMIN STAFF

Linda Nelson-Staff Analyst II
Colleen Krygier DAAS Director
Lori Beegle DAAS Executive Secretary
Helen Lopez- PA Director
Sean Jara- Benefits
Rosa Hidalgo- Registry
Sandy Gonzalez- PA Scribe
Ruth G. Diaz- PA Staff
Valerie Martinez- PA Staff
Heather ThorneWood- PA Staff
Wesley Williams- PA Staff

1. Call to Order

Angela Called Meeting to Order at
9:36 am

**2. Approve Minutes for January 7th
2009 Advisory Committee**

MEMBERS ABSENT

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Patti Strauch, Bernard Domroy,
Sharon Swayer, Renee Magsino, Tom
Csekey

Action(s)

Minutes approved as Corrected
Kim/G.G (M/S/C)

Approved as revised

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3. Additions/Changes to Agenda Items

- # 6 Clarification: I suspect the adopted state budget reduced the state allocated budget to IHSS by 5%.
- #11 New Business: Request to sponsor the Victorville Senior Day Event being held in Feb 2009.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
None

5. Chair's Report

Angela Nwokike- Happy New Year to everyone, unfortunately there's nothing new to report except debt, we are still struggling over the budget in California. It's not going to be easy this year and it is not only in California it's also the federal and state governments and we all need a bail out, maybe by the 21st we'll get something or February. Nobody knows but just don't give up; fasten your seat belts; advocate; work hard; and go to Sacramento if there is a call for that.

6. IHSS Public Authority

A. Helen Lopez- State budget...not much to say, the bottom line is nothing happened. Because our county has been very conservative we are in better shape than most counties; so far this county has been able to avoid layoffs.

The name of the Legislative committee has changed to Future Exploration.

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Its purpose is to look into all sorts of existing laws and mandates that waste money, while preserving the existing service levels of IHSS. We haven't come up with anything earth shattering but we're cranking at it. In March, there will be a one day summit usually on aging but will be held on IHSS, I don't really know what it's all about yet. CAPA will probably not be supporting, sponsoring, or looking for new legislative proposals this year unless they can increase the economic effectiveness of the program.

As for providers, the wages and benefits terminated at the end of November. The Public Authority will not be adding providers to benefits; and wages will remain unchanged since the contract situation has not changed concerning the providers. One change made is that providers pay the union twenty dollars instead of a dollar for the premium. We also have a new administrator of the trust in New York. Alicare, Inc. (800)633-5568 is replacing Dickerson. The trust also changed the network from First Health to Blue Shield; meanwhile, the Public Authority is looking for a cheaper health plan. The Union negotiations are ongoing but no agreement has been reached and nothing will change until an agreement is in place. Chair and Vice Chair will be the same as the board of supervisors.

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B. Rosa Hidalgo-

The PA is fully staffed now which is great because after this we don't know how positions will be dealt with within the county. We are getting an increase in clients and providers trying to get into the registry, which is increasing the workload. There are some new assignments for the regions serviced by the PA. If you have questions about a client ask the specialist; and questions about the provider go to the clerk. We do have one more position going to the Board; an Office Assistant position on the 12th for the Paychecks Dept. There are many providers not being hired and we are looking into that so we may open up the registry for new providers.

C. Myette Christian- As Rosa mentioned, the Training Dept will be fully staffed and we can get back to offering a lot of caregiver trainings. We have a new flyer with some new training classes including dates, locations, and times. There will be some additional new classes coming out throughout the year including elder abuse which we will be mailing out in hopes to get the word out for people to show up.

D. Sean Jara- The new department I will be heading is called Provider Services which include Paycheck Customer Service, Employment Verifications, Health Benefits and

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Workers Comp. State payroll is anticipating that the W-2's will be out by the end of January. If you get a letter or notice sent out by Alicare concerning Cobra, please call the benefits dept if you have any questions.

6. DAAS Services Report

A. Colleen Krygier- I have the Statistical Report that I always provide with a year end overview of 2008. Our IHSS case load grew 9.8%, with a 5% reduction in administrative allocation. Meaning case loads are growing at an average per month of 158 applications. The governor's proposal for 09/10 is the same as last year's reductions. On the board is reducing services to IHSS recipients and providing non medical services to the neediest recipients only. Eliminating the State's share of cost contribution for the least neediest and reducing State participation in IHSS provider wages to minimum wage; all together, saving the state for next year over three hundred and eighty million dollars. Our mission is to provide the best service we can with the limited resources that we have. Open house is next Tuesday from 2-4 pm. Each and every one of you is invited to come, enjoy the walk thru, our art in the halls, and the entertainment.

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7. Break

11:09am-11:25am

8. Sandra Walker: Discussed the Survey with the AC members.

9. Committee Reports-

A. Finance Committee Report-

We are not going to spend more than what we need to, our budget is tight.

B. Legislative Committee Report-

- Everyone got the packages, please read them at your leisure.

C. Goals Committee-

No report

D. Awareness Committee Report-

Request for the PA to update the website with the current members of the committee. Also requesting more information on the budget and legislative issues, as well as a request to get Mike Linden to briefly update the committee.

10. Old Business

A. Discussion of future AC presentations

11. New Business-

- New Alternate

12. Public Comment

Tom Csekey from SEIU, cuts are more serious this year than any other. SEIU is taking many people up to Sacramento to make sure this program

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can be maintained without cuts.
Everyone is invited to join.
The phone number is (888)373-3018.

13. Next Meeting

Next Meeting is February 4, 2009
DAAS Conference Room A/B 686 E.
Mill Street San Bernardino, CA 92415

14. Adjournment

12:17p

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